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Team USA celebrates a 5-2 victory over Japan in the final of the FIFA Women's World Cup between on Sunday at BC Place Stadium. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

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The 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup concluded in style before a capacity crowd at BC Place Stadium on Sunday.

This year's final was a rematch of the championship contest four years ago, and this time, the U.S. — in front of a partisan red, white and blue crowd — defeated Japan 5-2 to win the tournament.

The event began under the shroud of corruption allegations levied against a number of top executives within FIFA, the governing body for soccer across the globe and the ongoing scandal was a focal point in the media as the tournament got underway in early June.

Controversial FIFA president Sepp Blatter was not in attendance to hand out the Women's World Cup trophy on Sunday and remains in Zurich, as the scandal continues.

According to the Canadian Press, organizers expected to have sold 1.35 million tickets for the event, which was about 90 per cent of its goal of 1.5 million tickets sold.

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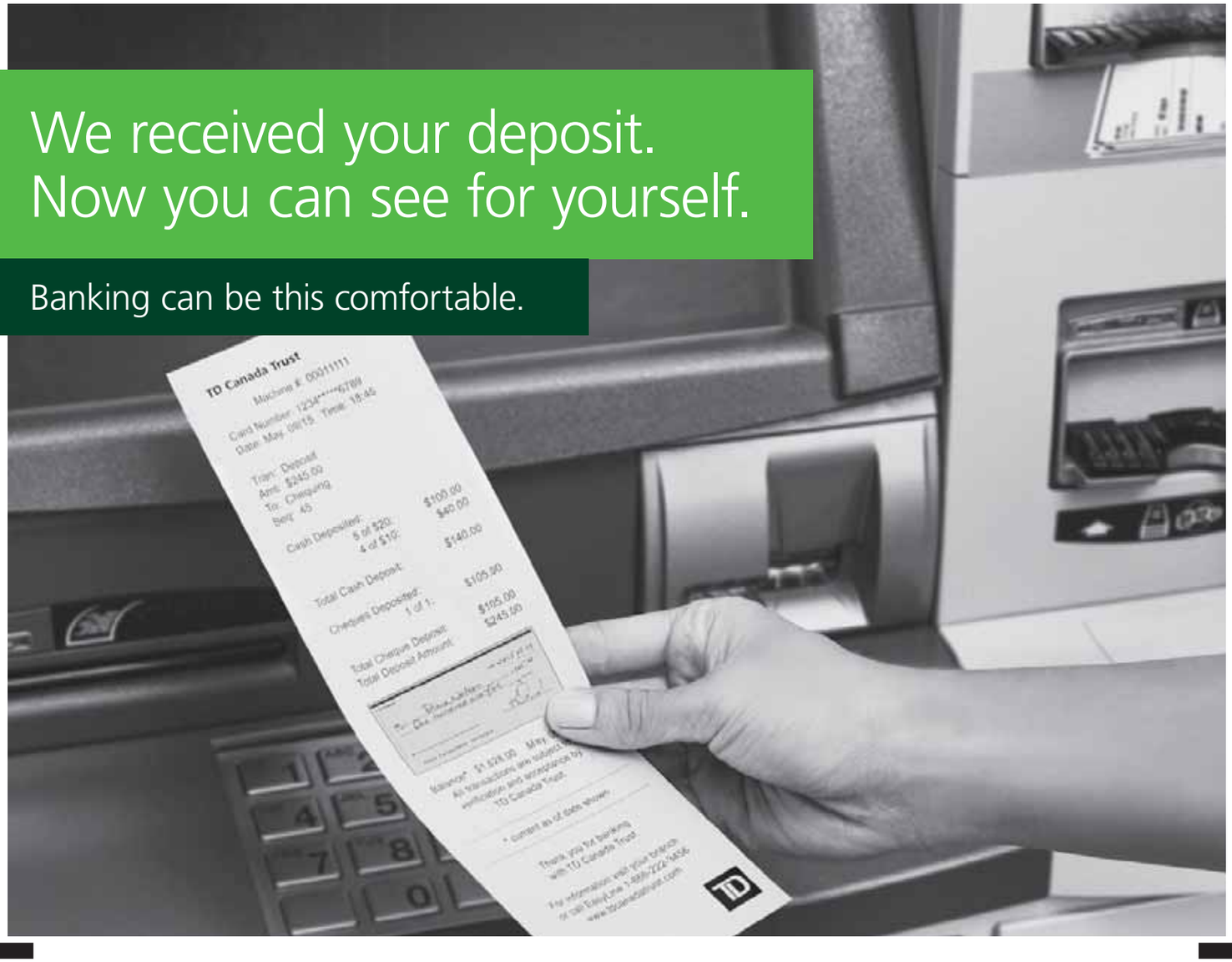

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End of an era as trading pits close. Business

Hazy days of summer begin with B.C. wildfires

WEATHER

Dry conditions and upslope gusts a bad combination

Matt Kieltyka
Metro | Vancouver

Vancouverites awakened Sunday to find their city engulfed in a deep red haze.

While the photos online were undoubtedly stunning, the blotted out sky hit home the fact that fire crews are having a difficult beginning to the summer managing the region's current heat wave and tinder-dry conditions.

Provincial Fire Information Officer Melissa Klassen told Metro that two extremely difficult wildfires were raging uncontrollably near the Pemberton area, north of Vancouver.

Both of the fires (a 2,000-hectare blaze in Elaho and 1,500-hectare fire in Boulder Creek) were growing significantly throughout the weekend, helped by the dry conditions and unusual upslope gusts.

Given the dangerous nature of the fires, all crews could do on Sunday, she said, was monitor the fires from the air.

Smoke from wildfires filled the sky above Vancouver on Sunday morning. CONTRIBUTED

"Today is a reassessment day," said Klassen.

Campfire bans are in place along the South Coast, and Klassen is urging backcountry campers, hikers and explorers to avoid provincial parks with active fires nearby.

"Given the risks this fire season, the big message for the public is that it's better just not to access areas where there are wildfires," she said.

"We need to be able to do our jobs."

18

B.C. wildfire count.

The fire service said a combination of the Pemberton wildfires and those on Vancouver Island were likely contributing to the haze over Vancouver on Sunday.

As of yesterday, there were 18 wildfires of note burning throughout British Columbia.

On Sunday afternoon, Metro Vancouver issued an air quality advisory for the Lower Mainland due to high concentrations of fine particulate matter.

The advisory warned people with existing health conditions to avoid strenuous exercise and said exposure is a concern for infants, the elderly and people with diabetes, heart or lung disease.

The advisory recommends people stay indoors and in air-conditioned spaces to limit exposure.

RESTRICTIONS

On Friday, Metro Vancouver invoked Stage 2 of its water shortage response plan, meaning Metro Vancouver residents and businesses may now only water their lawns once a week.

Under the new restrictions, even-numbered residential addresses may only sprinkle lawns on Monday mornings and odd-numbered addresses on Thursday morning between the hours of 4 a.m. and 9 a.m.

REPORT

Fentanyl in 25% of overdose deaths

Fentanyl was detected in a quarter of the province's illicit drug overdose deaths last year, according to a new report by the B.C. Centre for Disease Control.

The report, published in the latest B.C. Medical Journal, highlights the rapid rise of the powerful synthetic opioid in communities throughout the continent.

"While clusters of fentanyl-detected deaths have been reported in Canada and the U.S., these recent deaths represent an emerging public health concern in B.C.," the article says.

The B.C. Centre for Disease Control says many users consume it without knowing.

The drug, increasingly sold falsely as oxycodone or mixed with street drugs like heroin to make them more potent, has been the subject of many public warnings and health advisories by police and health authorities since it exploded onto the scene in recent years.

According to the article, fentanyl was detected in just five per cent of total illicit drug deaths in 2012.

In 2014, the substance was found in over a quarter of the more than 300 overdose deaths recorded in B.C.

"Given the potency of fentanyl and the highly variable doses in illicit substances, the risk of overdose in considerable," the article says. MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

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New plaza planned for Vancouver's Davie Village

JIM DEVA

Project will be presented to council at the end of July

Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

The heart of the Davie Village is about to get even more fabulous, with a permanent public plaza proposed beside the intersection with the rainbow crosswalks.

After two rounds of public consultation, the city tweaked its initial proposal and released detailed plans to block vehicle traffic for one block of Bute Street south of Davie to make way for public space.

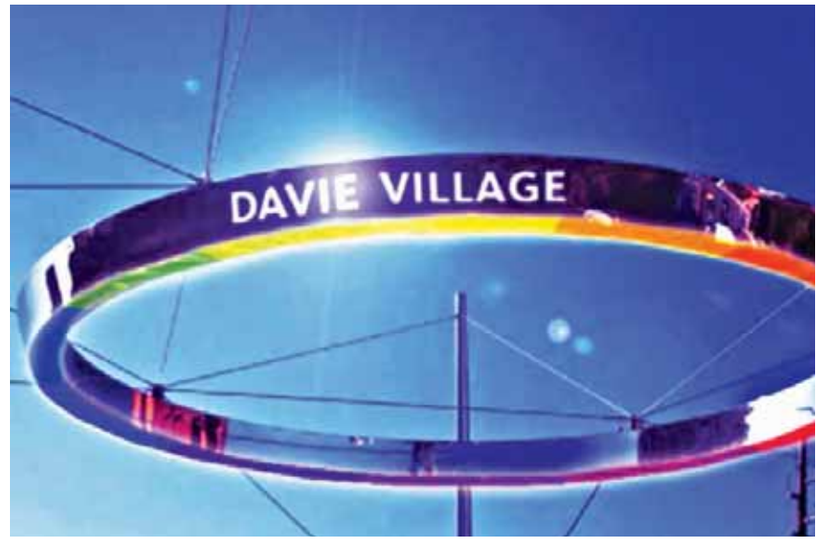
On top of the revamped look — planners axed a giant disco ball set to hover above the rainbow intersection in favour of a ring-shaped lighting feature — the city will recommend naming the plaza in memory of Jim Deva, planner Kevin McNaney told Metro.

Deva, owner of Little Sister's bookstore and a long-time leader in Vancouver's LGBTQ community who fought for gay rights in the Supreme Court (he won), passed away suddenly last fall.

Council voted last October to name something to honour his legacy.

The plaza will include movable seating, a speaker's corner kiosk with a proposed name of "Jim Deva's Soap Box," expanded patios, overhead strand lighting, a rainbow mosaic and light masts with power portals — handy for those needing to charge their phones to Instagram the new plaza.

Renderings of a floating ring above the heart of Davie Village in the West End. CONTRIBUTED



In a feat for city staff, who have received consistent backlash over the past few years for not listening to the public, more than 70 per cent of residents "really like" or "like" the plan, McNaney said.

The planning department will present the plan to council at the end of July.

If approved, staff can move forward with detailed cost and design plans and begin constructing the plaza as early as late 2015. McNaney estimated the project will cost "a million or two."

The plaza may be temporarily closed for Pride, but the city is waiting until it gets the detailed design before it permanently shuts down the block.

"People really want to see the plaza done properly, and that's our intention," McNaney said.

COMMUNITY

Tackling vacant home problem

A string of houses on the Cambie corridor targeted by squatters, vandalism and theft after being left empty by developers waiting for redevelopment has prompted one city councillor to call for action.

Green Party Coun. Adriane Carr will ask council this week to immediately address the problem of unoccupied and vacant houses — future condo or townhouse projects whose owners have cashed in on plans to densify along the Canada Line.

In her motion, Carr states that neighbours' security, safety and quality of life has been threatened by the unkempt properties that attract everything from critters to crime. Carr asked for actions by the police and fire services to address the problem and questioned how it happened despite the untidy premises bylaw that's meant to crack down on unruly or ignored properties.

She also questioned whether the city can force developers to either rent out their properties or provide additional security if they intend to sit on empty houses for a long time while waiting for the right opportunity to start construction. The idea of renting out vacant homes has gained traction recently as affordable housing advocates search for ways to find people decent homes in a city where vacancy rates hover around 0.5 per cent.

Since Carr gave notice of her motion two weeks ago, residents have noticed some positive changes along the corridor, according to reports by News1130. One resident told the radio station that police upped their presence after the issue came to light and that he has seen fewer squatters since.

Council is scheduled to vote on Carr's motion on Tuesday.

EMILY JACKSON/METRO

RESCUE

B.C. boy, 6, sees smoke and saves family from house fire

Thandi Fletcher
Metro | Vancouver

A Sooke, B.C., man is praising the heroic efforts of his young son who helped his family escape a fire in their home early Thursday morning.

Six-year-old Gavin Lerik sneaked downstairs to watch Spider-Man cartoons around 12:30 a.m. when he saw smoke and sparks coming from the bathroom, according to his father Craig Lerik.

It turned out the dryer was on fire and the blaze was quickly growing, Lerik said.

The young boy tried to call his parents for help but their bedroom door was locked. When his knocks didn't wake them up, Gavin started kicking the door.

"He was kicking it really, really hard," Gavin's father Craig told Metro. "By the time he got us up and we started fighting the fire, then the smoke alarm went off."

> **He took it to a next level and put on a little cape and saved the day.**
> Craig Lerik, Gavin's father

Craig managed to put the fire out with a garden hose while his son called 911 and woke up the rest of his family, including his nieces and nephews who were sleeping over following Canada Day celebrations.

Craig said he and his wife, Shannon Planes, suffered minor burns putting out the fire.

But he and his wife are incredibly proud of Gavin, whom he credits with preventing the incident from becoming much more serious.

Although Craig had taught his son to call for help and get out of the house if he ever saw a fire, he said he didn't expect the six-year-old to remember the instructions, let alone go to such efforts to wake up his family.

"He took it to a next level and put on a little cape and saved the day," he said. "I'm super, super proud."

He said the mayor of Sooke and the local fire department are planning a ceremony to recognize Gavin for his act of bravery.

Gavin, who told his dad he wants to be a firefighter when he grows up, is enjoying the praise and can't wait to tell his classmates when school starts again in September.

Six-year-old Gavin Lerik
FACEBOOK

Urban escape: community gardens

Vancouver is home to more than 75 community gardens. They range from vast tracts on city land to smaller plots on hospital and school grounds. These gardens are a place for city dwellers to grow their own fresh produce and reconnect with the land, but they also build a strong sense of community. **AMY LOGAN/FOR METRO**

Cottonwood Community Gardens overflows with flowers and vegetables.

Friends gather at Charleson Park Garden.

A piano slowly decays, lending a bit of poetry to Strathcona Community Gardens.

Above, the Legion of Flying Monkeys plays at Means of Production Garden on handmade horns fashioned from local wood.

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Sunflowers in Charleson Park Community Garden on False Creek.

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Observers concerned with fixed-date election

POLITICS

Change creates a loophole for spending that may be abused

The first fixed-date election in Canadian history is just around the corner, but some observers are raising concerns about overspending because of a law they say is flawed.

When the Conservatives introduced a fixed election date nine years ago, political financing rules were not adjusted accordingly, says Elections Canada boss Marc Mayrand.

"We must not be blind," said Mayrand. "As much as it is easier for Elections Canada to plan for the election, it's just as easy for political parties and third parties" to plan their spending before the election.

Those expenses generally go "beyond the rules outlined in the electoral law," he added.

The Harper government had a chance to close some of those loopholes when it examined the electoral law but opted to leave a "gaping hole," says Thierry Giasson, a political science professor at Universite Laval.

"The issue of pre-election spending was raised but the government consciously decided not to dwell on it," said Giasson.

Election campaigns are organized 12 to 18 months in advance, but only expenses incurred during the official campaign period are capped, Giasson said.

A fixed-date election extends that period considerably — meaning weeks and months of unofficial campaigning not subject to rules, opposition MPs say.

"Pre-election spending is subject to quite significant abuse, with taxpayers' money that is used for government announcements," said Liberal MP Dominic LeBlanc.

The NDP's Peter Julian said using public funds to "constantly finance a sort of partisan campaign in favour of the Conservative party" is a Harper government "trademark."

The Conservatives were criticized in the spring for trumpeting tax measures not yet approved by Parliament: the Universal Child Care Benefit.

Cheques are going out to four million families in the days to come and have been the subject of recent Conservative photo-ops featuring cabinet ministers Pierre Poilievre and Steven Blaney.

Conservative MP Maxime Bernier dismissed the notion that events like those are part of a strategy to seduce voters with electoral goodies.

"People are smart," Bernier said. "I think the public knows the difference between pre-election ads to ... try to buy votes and ads that are part of a broader government plan."

Political parties aside, the emergence of third-party groups like Engage Canada and HarperPAC on the political landscape has some observers speculating about an Americanization of the Canadian electoral system.

Others believe Canada is still a long way from that reality.

"Is the political culture changing, and how much of that is actually due to the fixed date?" Mayrand wondered. "That's a little hard to say, but I would say we are still far from the U.S. system."

The Oct. 19 vote will mark the first time a fixed election will have taken place since the Conservatives introduced the measure in 2006. While it was designed to create a level playing field, Giasson said it's clear the party in power still has the upper hand.

Mayrand said he'll make recommendations to Parliament following the general election and will likely tackle the spending issue.

"There might be a way to frame spending, if Parliament considers it useful to do so," he said. "I will probably have proposals on that topic."

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Chief Electoral Officer Marc Mayrand arrives at a Commons house affairs committee hearing in Ottawa in March 2014. When the Conservatives introduced a fixed election date nine years ago, political financing rules were not adjusted accordingly, says Mayrand.

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> Thierry Giasson, political science professor at Université Laval

ELECTION DAY

Canada's first fixed-date election: Oct. 19, 2015

This will mark the first fixed-date election in the country's history. Fixed-date elections were introduced by the Conservatives as an amendment to the Elections Act in 2006.

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CENSUS

StatsCan asks the question

Call it the Mike Duffy question.

When Canadians receive their census questionnaire next year, they'll be asked to fill out the address of their "secondary residence," if they happen to have one and are at that location on census day.

"A secondary residence" could be, "for example, a cottage," the form reads.

It's the same question that Statistics Canada asks every five years: Tell us where you live and whether this is your usual place of residence. The organization says the questions were the same in 2011.

All of which means the agency has a better idea of what constitutes a secondary residence than the Senate does — a question central to the ongoing controversy over housing expenses and the upper chamber.

The census question is meant to ensure respondents aren't counted more than once. Such a mistake, multiplied millions of times over, could throw off population counts that governments and private businesses use when designing programs or planning projects.

It's up to the person filling out the form to determine their "usual place of residence," said spokeswoman Nadine Lacroix.

There are eight senators who are in trouble over their housing claims, including Duffy, Patrick Brazeau and Mac Harb. They and five others were referred to the RCMP after last month's Senate spending audit.

In each case, senators have been accused of not spending enough time at their primary residence, which would make them ineligible for an annual housing allowance.

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BACKGROUND

Here are five contributors to Greece's current state:

The credit binge: Greece has engaged in a credit binge since the early 1980s, spending the money on plush government jobs for supporters of the two major political parties, driving up wages and making Greece a costly place to do business. It also looked the other way on widespread tax evasion.

The euro: Despite its rickety finances, Greece shaped up a little for a few years and qualified to join the eurozone in 2001, but it promptly went back to its old ways.

Low interest: The euro fueled the debt binge. Banks bought Greek bonds in euros while Greece borrowed at ridiculously low rates. After the financial crisis of 2009 made investors wary of risk, Greece revealed its deficit was far higher than thought and its finances out of control. Borrowing costs shot up. It couldn't pay.

Austerity: Greece got a 110-billion-euro bailout in 2010 from eurozone countries and the International Monetary Fund. Creditors attached tough conditions but the cuts undermined growth. Unemployment soared. Misery multiplied.

Handcuffed by the euro: With its own currency, Greece could have defaulted on its debts and devalued, quickly erasing its international cost problem, and moved on within a few years. Cutting wages and prices is tougher and takes longer. Thus, the euro prolonged the agony. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Supporters of the No vote celebrate after the results of the referendum at Syntagma square in Athens, Sunday. Greeks overwhelmingly rejected creditors' demands for more austerity measures. EMILIO MORENATTI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Big 'No' to austerity

GREEK REFERENDUM

Nation's future in eurozone uncertain

Greece lurched into uncharted territory and an uncertain future in Europe's common currency Sunday after voters overwhelmingly rejected demands by international creditors for more austerity measures in exchange for a bailout of its bankrupt economy.

Results showed roughly 61 per cent voted 'No,' compared with 39 per cent for 'Yes.' The referendum — Greece's first in more than four decades — came amid severe restrictions on financial transactions in the country, imposed last week to stem a bank run that accelerated after the vote was called.

Thousands of jubilant government supporters celebrated in Syntagma Square in front of Parliament, waving Greek flags and chanting "No, no, no!"

Early trading on Asian markets indicated investors were alarmed, as stock indexes fell.

It was a decisive victory for Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras, who had gambled the future of his five-month-old coalition government — and his country — in an all-or-nothing game of brinkmanship with Greece's creditors from other eurozone countries, the International Monetary Fund and the European Central Bank.

"Today we celebrate the victory of democracy," Tsipras said in a televised address to the nation, describing Sunday as "a bright day in the history of Europe."

> **Today, democracy is defeating fear ... I am very optimistic.**
> Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras

"We proved even in the most difficult circumstances that democracy won't be blackmailed," he said.

Tsipras called the referendum last weekend, saying a 'No' vote would strengthen his hand to negotiate a better deal for his country. His government has said it believes it would be possible to conclude a deal with creditors within 48 hours.

But European officials and most of Greece's opposition parties painted the referendum as one of whether the country kept using the euro — even though that was not the convoluted question asked on the ballot. Opinion polls Friday showed that 74 per cent or more want their country to remain in the euro.

"Given the unfavourable conditions last week, you have made a very brave choice," Tsipras told Greeks in his address. "But I am aware that the mandate you gave me is not a mandate for rupture." He said he would seek to negotiate a viable solution with the country's creditors.

How European officials react to the referendum result will be critical for the country, and a eurozone summit was called for Tuesday evening to discuss the situation. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ROYAL FAMILY

Milestone for U.K.'s Princess Charlotte

Prince William and his wife, Kate, marked a milestone for their newborn baby Princess Charlotte on Sunday — a christening ceremony on Queen Elizabeth II's country estate that was steeped in royal tradition.

Hundreds of fans outside St. Mary Magdalene Church in Sandringham, a sprawling royal estate near England's eastern coast, cheered as William and Kate arrived with toddler Prince George and nine-week-old Charlotte, who was in a vintage pram.

It was only the second time Britain's newborn princess, who is fourth in line to the throne, has been seen in public since she was born on May 2.

Like her elder brother George, Charlotte was dressed for the occasion in a replica of the intricate lace-and-satin christening gown made for Queen Victoria's eldest daughter, also named Victoria, in 1841. Until 2008, that original gown had been worn by all royal babies — including the queen — at their christenings.

Following royal tradition, holy water from the River Jordan, where it is said Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist, was used for the baptism.

The 16th-century church, close to William and Kate's country house Anmer Hall, is where the royal family traditionally gathers for Christmas service. It is also where Charlotte's late grandmother, Princess Diana, was christened in 1961.

The ceremony was private — the Queen, her husband Prince Philip, Prince Charles and Kate's family were among a small group of guests allowed inside. Guests also included five godparents that William and Kate chose for Charlotte. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK

Escapee faces 23 hours a day in a cell

The surviving escapee from a prison break and three-week manhunt will spend 23 hours a day in a maximum-security cell, much more confined than he and a fellow murder convict were in the prison from which they managed a getaway, officials said Sunday.

David Sweat, who was shot and wounded during his June 28 capture, was taken early Sunday from Albany Medical Center to the infirmary at the Five Points Correctional Facility in the central New York town of Romulus, the state Department of Corrections and Community Supervision said in a news release.

He'll be among the up to 150 men held in the Special Housing Unit, where each inmate spends nearly all his time in a 105-square-foot cell with a bed, a writing platform, a toilet, a sink and a shower. The inmates generally are allowed out of their cells to exercise for an hour a day.

Sweat, 35, will be put on suicide watch. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SOUTH AMERICA

Pope embarks on three-nation tour

History's first Latin American pope returned to South America for the first time on Sunday, bringing a message of solidarity with the region's poor, who are expected to turn out in droves to welcome their native son home.

"The pope of the poor" chose to visit Ecuador, Bolivia and Paraguay specifically because they are among the poorest and most marginal nations of a region that claims 40 per cent of the world's Catholics. He's skipping his homeland of Argentina, at least partly to avoid papal entanglement in this year's presidential election.

Francis' plane landed in Quito, Ecuador, where falling world prices for oil and minerals threaten to fray the social safety net woven by President Rafael Correa, who has been buffeted for nearly a month by the most serious anti-government protests in more than eight years in power.

Thousands lined the motorcade route. The pope was switching from a car to a bubble-windowed popemobile for the last five miles. Pilgrims came from far and wide.

Francis is likely to raise environmental concerns with Correa and the leader of Bolivia — who have promoted mining and oil drilling in wilderness areas — given his recent encyclical on the need to protect nature and the poor who suffer most when it is exploited.

Francis' stops include a violent Bolivian prison, a flood-prone Paraguayan shantytown and a meeting with grass-roots groups in Bolivia, the sort of people he ministered to in the slums of Buenos Aires as archbishop. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A child holds a doll of Pope Francis as he waits for his arrival in Quito. DOLORES OCHOA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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U.S. trading pits go silent

STOCK MARKET

New systems force closure of futures floors in Chicago, N.Y.C.

Pete Meegan had every intention of going back to college, but then he got a summer job in the Chicago trading pits and fell in love with the "roar" of the floor, the excitement of "4,000 people yelling, 'Buy! Buy! Buy!'" and decided there would be no more classrooms for him.

That roar will soon go silent. On Monday, most futures pits in Chicago and New York City, where frenzied buying and selling once helped set prices on cattle and corn, gold and dozens of other commodities, are expected to close for good. Traders yelled and shoved and flashed hand signals, just as they did in the movie Trading Places. But now the computer — faster, cheaper and not nearly as noisy — has taken over.

It will be a sad day for Meegan, still in the pits 34 years after dropping out of college, donning a trading jacket and mustering the courage to tell his dad.

Clerks shout in the Euro Dollar Futures pit at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange in this September 2003 file photo. Most pits in Chicago and New York City where traders bet on future prices of major commodities are expected to close for good today. ANNE RYAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

"I thought he was gonna kill me, but he was like, 'I don't care if you pick up garbage or you're a dog groomer. If you are happy doing what you are doing, you're ahead of 99 per cent of the people in the world,'" recalls Meegan, now 54.

Dan Grant, 53, traces his love affair with the pits to a $150-a-week job as a "runner" ferrying messages between clerks taking phone orders from customers and brokers executing them.

Six years into his career, on Oct. 19, 1987, stocks were plunging around the world and he was a clerk taking orders from the head traders at Chemical Bank and Drexel Burnham Lambert desperate to buy anything to protect themselves. Grant still marvels that at just 24, with no college degree, he wielded such power in the crash, later known as Black Monday.

"They were buying Treasurys and currencies, and watching their stock portfolios go to zero," he recalls. "It was a lot of fun."

Not all futures pits are going away. In its February announcement about the closings, the owner of the exchanges said the pits where Standard and Poor's 500 stock futures and options on futures are traded will remain open.

Floor trading of stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, which is owned by a different company, won't end, either.

Grant, the runner turned clerk who now oversees his own trading firm, says he mourns the loss of the kind of entry-level positions that gave kids without much education a chance to prove themselves, just as he did.

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IN BRIEF

Chinese factory collapses

A shoe factory collapsed in eastern China during a weekend shift, killing at least nine people and injuring more than 30, officials said Sunday. Nine people escaped the collapse Saturday afternoon in the Zhejiang province city of Wenling. Rescuers pulled 42 people from the rubble and sent them to a hospital where nine of them died, the Wenling city government said on its microblog. The cause of the accident is still under investigation.

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Market free fall in China delays public offerings

More than two dozen companies in China are postponing initial public offerings and security companies are pledging more than $19 billion for a fund to stabilize the country's stock market. The Chinese stock market has been in free fall for three weeks, losing 28 per cent of its value since June 12. The drop has wiped out trillions of dollars in market value in only a few short weeks.

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TECHNOLOGY

Cheque-printing company keeps pace in an ever-changing world

Ten years ago, Toronto-based DH Corp. made virtually all of its money by printing cheques.

But over the past decade, the company once known as Davis + Henderson Corp (DH). has transformed itself into a technology business serving financial institutions, with cheques now comprising only 20 per cent of its revenue.

"It's long been predicted that cheque usage will decline," Duncan Hannay, president of the company's Canadian division, said in an interview.

"I think that was the thing that really prompted the company to look at its future and assess how it could better position itself with its banking clients — both in Canada and potentially globally, to diversify its revenue."

With the emergence of new digital forms of payment such as email money transfers, use of paper cheques has been steadily on the decline, shrinking by roughly five per cent a year, according to the Canadian Bankers Association.

While personal cheques have been losing their popularity by high single-digit percentages annually, business cheques have fared somewhat better.

> **The cheque has not declined at nearly the pace that was predicted.**
> Duncan Hannay, president of DH's Canadian branch

"Canadian business still depends on cheques to a great extent," Hannay said. "It's highly integrated into their workflows, so the decline of cheques in business is not nearly what it is on the consumer side."

The declining popularity of cheques has caused DH to shift gears, expanding into new lines of business such as digital payments and providing technologies that banks use to make loans. In fact, the company's lending segment now makes up more than 40 per cent of its revenue.

In March, DH acquired New York based global payment services firm Fundtech for $1.25 billion, a deal that will help broaden its customer base in the U.S.

Meanwhile, Hannay says predictions about the death of the cheque have been somewhat overblown.

"The cheque has not declined at nearly the pace that was predicted."

In fact, Hannay says there is some opportunity for DH to grow its cheque business. Although the dominant player in Canada's personal cheques market, DH's overall market share is roughly half.

"Given that we only have a 50 per cent share of the business cheque, and that's our most profitable cheque segment, there is an opportunity for us to grow," he said, adding he predicts paper cheques will be around for the next decade or so. "Beyond that, inevitably, electronic forms of payment will dominate."

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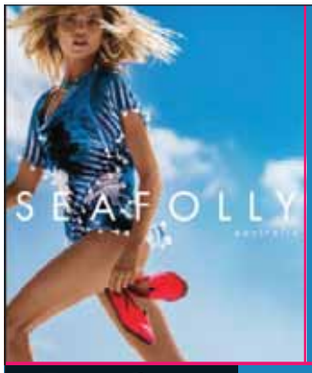

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THE BIG POLL: Uber-contentious

It's dominating headlines, street protests and taxicab conversations across the nation: Everyone seems to have an opinion about ride-sharing apps like Uber and Lyft. For traditionalists, these apps are replacing taxi drivers' well-paid, secure jobs with unlicensed casual workers and little oversight. To others, it's a cheap and convenient way to get around — and a sign that the future smartphone-based retail economy is en route. We asked our online readers where they stand.

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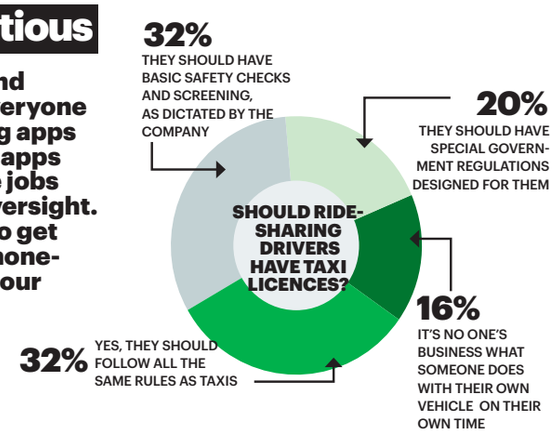
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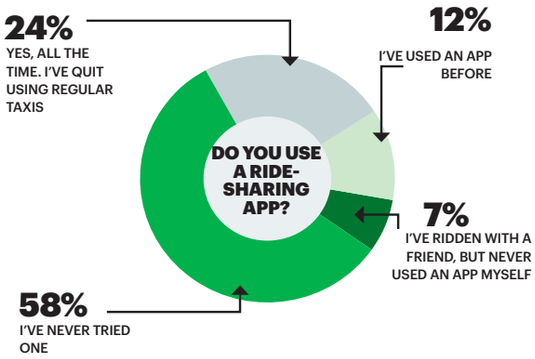
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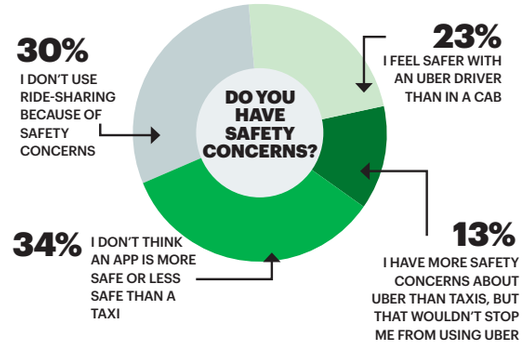
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Let's not get locked up in a small issue

CITY HOLLER
Trish Kelly

Several cities around the world are coping with the love lock phenomenon. In Paris, 45 tonnes of these symbols of undying love clasped to the railing of the Pont des Arts bridge pulled the bridge railing right off. Other cities have designed homes for love locks, nudging romantics toward steel structures that can bear the weight without ruining infrastructure.

On Monday night, the Park Board will review a proposal to deal with the love locks showing up on Vancouver's Burrard Bridge and elsewhere around town.

Vancouver city Coun. George Affleck first raised love locks at council in July 2014. It was a lengthy council meeting with several groundbreaking issues on the agenda, including the mayor's motion to make Vancouver the first City of Reconciliation, a staff update about the state of homelessness and a presentation on the city's affordable housing agency.

By the time Affleck's love locks motion was finally up for debate, the councillors were getting punchy. After several pointed out that Affleck alone seemed to care about this issue, Affleck's proposal to direct staff to consult with the Park Board, development community, Business Improvement Associations and everyone else was passed with one amendment. Affleck, not staff, would be responsible for all community consultation. At least one councillor giggled as she agreed to the amendment.

Now Affleck gets his giggle as the motion surfaces at the Park Board, which proposes to hire a local artist to design a weight-bearing structure.

We could lock up something more important, like our lawn sprinklers or steering wheels.

I'm feeling a little punchy myself these days. Our city is parched. Our trees and grasses being described as "fuel" by forest fire experts. The transit referendum results came back a firm No, making the future for traffic in our city pretty bleak. If we can't blame this current heat wave on climate change, the congestion we'll face without transit investment will ensure more long, hot summers to come.

In the midst of all this, why are love locks getting so much time and attention? Is it because they're something so tangible, a small problem anyone can reach out and touch and imagine a fix for?

What if we could find a way to channel our desire to solve the problems right in front of us into something that can meaningfully impact our future?

Maybe we could find a practical use for all those locks. The symbol of undying love could be transformed into a symbol for the commitment we'll make to responding to climate change. We could lock up something more important, like our lawn sprinklers or steering wheels. Let's have the gall to deal with the big problem in front of us.

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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

metroview

Some days, I don't believe victory over sexism is possible

Question: How many reports does it take to end sexism?

Answer: Infinite. Or: None.

Since the report on sexism at Dalhousie's dentistry program was released last week, observers have noted — just as they did after the report on sexism in the military came out earlier this year — that no campus or government department is an island. Our broader culture is, at root, to blame.

And it's true.

The Dalhousie report, which stemmed from the revelation of a very rapey Facebook page run by male students — found the school "permits incidents of sexism, misogyny, homophobia and racism."

Dalhousie, of course, isn't alone. Last week, a York University student filed a human-rights complaint against that school for its allegedly lackadaisical response when she told them she'd been raped by a fellow student.

"The (Facebook page) 'Class of DDS 2015 Gentlemen' did not exist in a vacuum," the Dalhousie report notes in its section on "Society," under the heading "Why did this happen?"

If that sounds like a cop-out by the report's authors, partly, it is. It's an admission of the obvious: that reports can't solve sexism, as much as they may attempt to do their part. They can't even force change unless they're turned into action (the Dalhousie recommendations don't even include new rules at the school: It already has sufficient ones in place).

In fact, they're most successful as litmus tests. We're at a point on the sexism scale, they indicate, where the ultimate, implicit goal is a world free from prejudice. We've made improvements, we then tell ourselves. Maybe, with these reports, we can make more.

And maybe, a lot won't change. The Dalhousie Facebook page, with its comments about using nitrous oxide on women and "hate f–king" them, carries the same message as was scrawled across Queen's University in 1989. At the time, as This Magazine reported, signs such as "'No' means 'Kick her in the teeth,'" "'No' means more beer" and "'No' means 'Down on your knees, b-tch'" were posted in response to a "'No' means 'No"' campaign against date rape.

Some days, and this is one of them, I don't believe victory over sexism is possible. I don't believe reports will do much to help. I don't feel like doing the womanly thing and being grateful for how far we've come, or hopeful for the future. I'm not even angry.

I drink my coffee, and do my job, and think that's just the society we will always live in.

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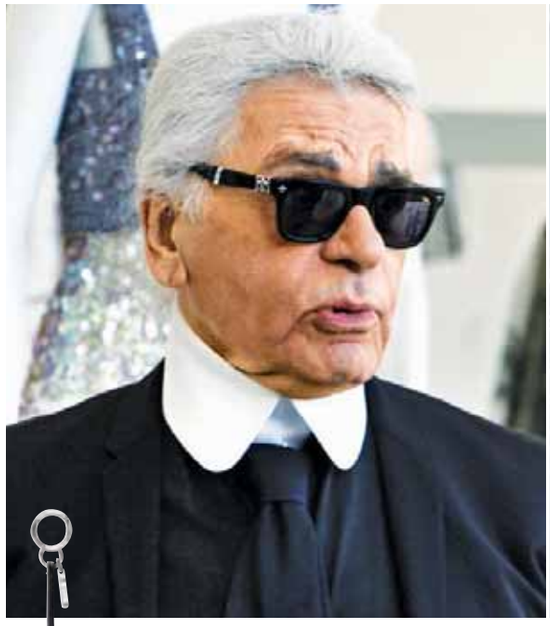

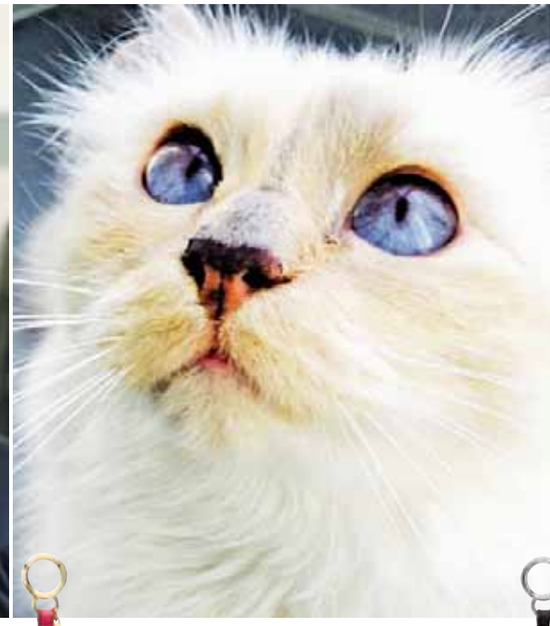

With fashionistas baking in a mascara-melting heat wave and Italy's Fendi set to raise hackles with an all-fur collection, Paris Fashion Week, which opened Sunday, may prove a tad too haute to handle.

High-fashion designers will unveil their autumn and winter collections over five days in Paris that will kick off with shows by Russian couturier Ulyana Sergeenko and Dutch designer Ilja Visser.

But the highlight of the extravaganza will be German fashion legend Karl Lagerfeld's collection celebrating his 50 years working for Fendi, hailed as the "longest relationship between a designer and a fashion house."

The show on Wednesday will be entirely "haute fourrure" or, couture fur — a material the luxury fashion brand has never shied away from.

French film icon and passionate animal activist Brigitte Bardot has already shown her disapproval by writing a letter to Choupette Lagerfeld, the designer's pampered feline companion.

Bardot appealed to the cat — who has become famous with 48,000 Twitter followers — to "purr in the ear" of her master and save her "furry friends,"

But even Choupette, whose every whim is catered to, is unlikely to stop the show.

Lagerfeld has often said that while he is very sympathetic to the anti-fur cause, doing away with the industry would cause a lot of people to lose their jobs.

"For me, as long as people eat meat and wear leather, I don't get the message," he told the New York Times in a recent interview, adding however that he preferred not to think about how the animals died.

The indefatigable Lagerfeld, 81, will also be presenting his collection for Chanel, the fashion house that is perhaps the most synonymous with Paris's reputation for glamour and known for spectacular staging.

In total some 30 designers will present the Haute Couture shows seen only in the City of Light.

The designation is protected by French law and attributed exclusively by the ministry of industry to 14 houses whose high-end clothes are entirely made by hand and tailored to each client.

On Monday the glitterati will be glued to the show by Schiaparelli as French designer Bertrand Guyon makes his debut as style director for the legendary house.

Founded in 1930 by Elsa Schiaparelli, Coco Chanel's biggest rival, the house made its couture comeback in January 2014 after lying dormant for 60 years.

On Wednesday John Galliano will put on his second couture show for Margiela in Paris, after choosing to present his comeback collection in London in January — seen as a snub to the French capital where he fell from grace.

Galliano lost his job as Dior's star designer in 2011 when he was filmed in a Paris bar making slurred insults against Jews, and disappeared from the runway for several years.

This time it is Valentino who will be missing from the Paris couture diary, having chosen to show his collection on Thursday in Rome as he celebrates the opening of his largest store in the world. AFP

Karl Lagerfeld, his pet cat Choupette and four fur purse charms from his collection, celebrating 50 years with Fendi. PHOTOS: GETTY, INSTAGRAM, FENDI.COM

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Baltimore Raven John Urschel #64 is a mathematics whiz. RONALD MARTINEZ/GETTY IMAGES

John Urschel is best known as an offensive lineman for the Baltimore Ravens. But he's also a mathematics whiz who has published academic papers (his latest: A Cascadic Multigrid Algorithm for Computing the Fiedler Vector of Graph Laplacians), taught college calculus (at alma mater Penn State) and presented research to the NSA.

In addition to teaching during the off-season, Urschel is now partnering with new startup Persado, figuring out how to use math to generate compelling ad copy. (So, he can add Don Draper 2.0 to his résumé, too.)

We caught up with the mathlete and asked him why it's important for football players to know their times tables.

You are a football player and a mathematician. Most people can grasp the football player part, but what exactly does a mathematician do?

Being a mathematician, in essence, is just applying mathematics to the world we live in. And that's it ... It doesn't have to be in academia. It can be in government, working for the NSA; it can be in the private sector, such as with a company like Persado, which has mathematicians.

> **I always had this desire to understand the unknown, and math—man — it was this beautiful thing.**
> John Urschel

I believe that the 21st century is the century of the mathematician.

So, does math make you a better football player? Is there a connection between math and football?

Mainly the competitiveness. That strong competitive drive — "I'm going to beat you" — is the same when it comes to tackling a math problem — like, "I am going to solve this and get at this and be victorious."

Beyond that, the better you are at thinking quickly and efficiently, the better of a football player you're going to be.

You're involved with lots of STEM and education initiatives. Why is it so important for kids to get into math?

No matter what job you get into — whether it's writing, working at a PR firm or playing professional football — mathematics will serve you well.

You will face problems throughout your life — problems that the great majority of the time you have never faced before. And all of a sudden, you'll need to take your experiences, the skills you have learned, and the tools you have acquired and somehow apply them to this new thing.

Your careers are so different and both are challenging — how do you balance them?

I have this terrible balance in my life. The problem is I love football and I do football, and I love math and I do math.

But then I don't want to do anything else, and I don't do anything else ... But I like my life, so I guess it's not that bad!

Nourish work connections to be remembered

NETWORKING

Build on momentum of those first introductions to succeed

OFFICE RELATIONS

Eleni Deacon

You click with a new contact at a professional event. You work in similar fields and seem to be on the same wavelength. Cards are exchanged. Later that week, you add each other on LinkedIn. Then you never speak again.

Sound familiar? Networking can be nerve-racking: not only do you have to figure out what to say to a stranger, you don't want to seem phoney or needy. But while that first introduction might appear daunting, it's a small hurdle compared to what's next. Because the trickiest aspect of networking isn't making new contacts — it's maintaining them.

To keep connections from crumbling, practise consistency. Effective networking doesn't mean sending a surge of emails when you start looking for a job. It should be a steady habit throughout your career. Rather than thinking of contacts as names on a scorecard, think of them as genuine relationships that evolve over time. The first step to playing the networking long game: Stop thinking of it as a game.

Lasting affiliations require regular communication. In the weeks after you meet, send a targeted but casual email — then repeat the process periodically. Your notes could include links to cool articles, followup questions about their work, or anecdotes relevant to your previous conversations. The goal is not to immediately ask for a recommendation or favour — it's to develop a rapport. Reach out routinely, and they'll do the same when pertinent opportunities become available.

In-person catch-ups will also strengthen your ties. The time commitment doesn't have to be huge: a quick lunch or coffee every six months to a year will be enough to upgrade your connection from distant acquaintance to friendly associate. No time to make things personal? Social media, when used thoughtfully, can keep your network fresh. You won't become besties, but simply liking Facebook statuses or favouriting tweets will ensure you're on their radar when gigs arise.

Networking isn't just about getting perks — it's also about giving them. One of the most effective ways to encourage someone else to help you is to help them first. Introducing a new contact to others in your sphere, offering expertise, or providing a quality service will demonstrate that you're not solely invested in your own advancement — you're also investing in them.

The payoff may not be immediate, but chances are they'll return the favour at some point in your career.

Many people "hate" networking, but that's because they hate what networking shouldn't be: a schmooze. Show sincere interest in the people you meet, and they'll keep your best interest in mind.

Keeping in touch with professional contacts and developing a long-term rapport will keep you on their radar. ISTOCK

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Silicon Valley hacks the food biz

TECHNOLOGY

Startups hope to disrupt the way we eat plants, animals

A wave of Silicon Valley-style disruption is hitting the food industry.

Lab-grown meat, vegan cheese and "animal free" milk and eggs are headed for consumers, often with backing from the tech sector and its financial allies.

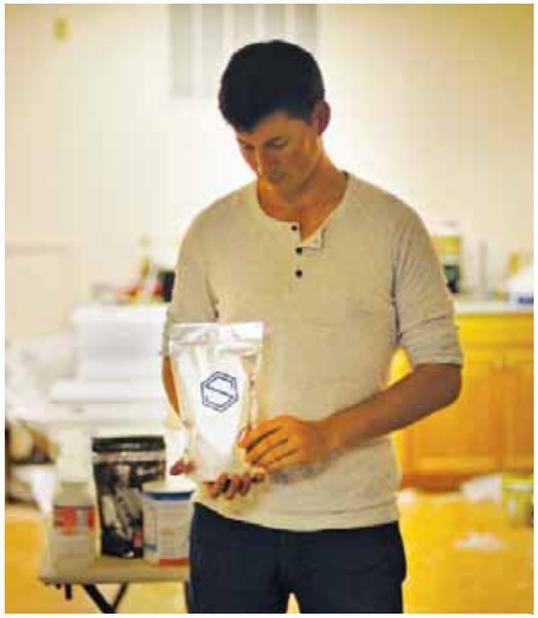
These products could fill an important need while reducing environmental problems such as energy and land use for traditional food industries, according to backers.

This new group of startups is essentially hacking the food sector with new ideas and technologies involving food and with strong ties to Silicon Valley.

Some are using plant protein to substitute for animal products while others are producing foods biologically through so-called "cellular agriculture."

At least $138 million in investment poured into the segment of "sustainable protein" startups in 2014, according to the research firm AgFunder. Another research firm, CB Insights, calculates at least $221 million invested in the sector over the past 18 months.

More deals appear to be cooking, with participation from major Silicon Valley players.



Soylent CEO Rob Rhinehart holds a bag of the meal replacement powder in a California warehouse. JOSH EDELSON/AFP

Bioengineering food

"I think this new industry will be disruptive," said Isha Datar, executive director of the nonprofit group New Harvest, which promotes cellular agriculture, or the use of stem or other cells to produce replications of animal products.

The tech sector is spearheading this effort, Datar says, with most of the traditional food industry stuck in "a deeply ingrained system that makes it less amenable to change."

Brooklyn-based startup Modern Meadow is developing an edible cultured meat prototype along with bioengineered leather products, which do not require animal slaughter.

Among the prominent investors in this sector is Microsoft founder Bill Gates, who sees the industry as helping fight against a key environmental challenge. AFP

APP REVIEWS KRIS ABEL'S DIGITAL PICKS FOR THE WEEK

GAME

Batman: Arkham Knight

• PS4/Xbox One
• Rated: Mature 17+

Gotham leaves it to you to choose which emergencies to respond to and which villains to chase. Some tasks are made clunky by a first-person tankmobile, while others are a delight thanks to old, scene-chewing villains.

APP

Gran Text Auto

• iPhone
• Free

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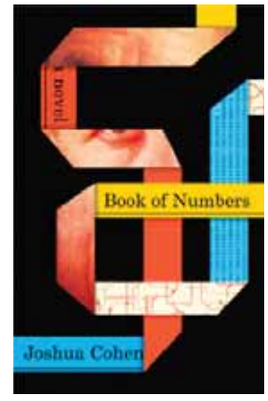

EBOOKS

Book of Numbers

By Joshua Cohen
• Kindle/iBooks/Kobo

In profiling the founder of a fictional Google, Cohen wrestles with a manic tech addiction, meaning he uses a lot of web jargon. It's done with humour and craft, but says more about personal disorders than how our lives are made colder in a digital age.

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HUDSON'S BAY

Rise of the cord cutters

CBC REPORT

Canadians snub traditional TV, find new ways to watch shows

A growing number of Canadians are ditching their traditional television subscriptions, according to a new CBC research report.

The May 2015 report said more than half of Canadians currently without cable television have "cut the cord," meaning they had a television subscription and cancelled it.

"With the prevalence of TV content on the Internet and Netflix, Canadians are seeing less need to have a TV subscription," the report said.

Sixteen per cent of Canadians don't pay for a traditional TV service, up from 12 per cent three years ago, the report said.

"We consider it a big jump," said Mark Allen, senior director of corporate research at CBC/Radio-Canada in Ottawa. "People have realized that if they're a light TV viewer, they can get what they need on the Internet."

Allen said cord cutters are finding other ways to watch their favourite shows and some believe they were paying too much for television.

Sixteen per cent of Canadians don't pay for a traditional TV service. Of those currently without cable television, more than half had a television subscription and cancelled it, known as "cutting the cord." ISTOCK

Marjie Lynn was looking for ways to save money when she decided to cut ties with her television provider.

"We're the average Nova Scotian family, living paycheque to paycheque to paycheque and ... you look at things that you can do, and one of those was cutting off cable," said the educational assistant in a recent interview from Hantsport, N.S.

"With the wonders of Netflix and online streaming ... you can basically achieve all the TV watching that you want."

The report also said a fifth of television subscribers were interested in cutting the cord, with a third already having taken steps towards that end.

Allen said whether or not the number of cord cutters continues to rise will depend on how much choice Canadians have in the future to watch television online and the success of the CRTC's "pick-and-pay" and "skinny package" rules for television providers, which become mandatory in December 2016.

"Up until this point, cord cutters have been light TV viewers," said Allen. "But there are a lot of new over-the-top services that are making it easier for people, like Netflix and in the U.S. there are things like HBONow.

"It will depend on how the over-the-top options roll out and whether they are available to Canadians."

The report also shows a divide among anglophones and francophones, said Allen.

> **"With the wonders of Netflix and online streaming ... you can basically achieve all the TV watching that you want.**
>
> Marjie Lynn of Hantsport, N.S., who cut ties with her television provider

Twenty-three per cent of anglophones said they were likely to cut the cord eventually, compared to 14 per cent of francophones.

"Quebecers have had access to pick-and-pay for almost a decade, and we haven't seen the same amount of cord cutting," said Allen. "That could be a contributing factor."

The report is based on phone and online surveys conducted in the fall of 2014 with more than 8,000 people across Canada. THE CANADIAN PRESS

DEBT

Student loans: When it pays off to pay it off ASAP

Kyle Prevost
youngandthrifty.ca

Some "money gurus" tell you the key to financial success is to pay off all your debts as soon as possible, while others preach that it's compound interest and investing for the future that will set you free. It may be common sense to pay off high-interest debt like that found on your credit card balance, but things get a little bit grey when looking at student loan debt.

According to the Canadian Federation of Students, the average student that graduates with student debt is now $27,000 in the red when they don the iconic cap and gown. In a job market where young folks are having trouble launching their careers, that number can cause intense anxiety.

In order to better understand how this decision pertains to you, the first thing you need to know is that the generic term "student loan" actually refers to two separate loans — your provincial student loan and federal student loan (it can also apply to private student loans).

The reason this distinction is so important is that those two loans will get treated differently after you leave post-secondary education. Your province sets the interest rate for the provincial part of the loan and the Canadian government is responsible for the interest rate on the federal share.

For example, in my home province of Manitoba it was recently announced that there would no longer be any interest charged on provincial student loans, while the federal government still requires you to pay a rate of prime plus 2.5 per cent or prime plus 5 per cent if you want to lock in your current rate.

This difference in interest rates might not seem like a big deal, but it can take hundreds or even thousands of dollars out of your pocket.

$ LOANS 101

- Government student loans consist of two parts — federal and provincial.
- Private student loans come from your bank or credit union. They often have higher interest rates and are not eligible for tax credits.
- Figuring out your "real" rate of interest means factoring in your provincial interest rate, federal interest rate, and relevant tax credits.
- Are you comfortable with investing? If the answer is no, then keep it simple and pay off the debt.

While I would rather invest my money than pay off a "free" Manitoba student loan, the choice isn't so clear when looking at the common current federal student loan rate of 5.35 per cent.

While that student loan interest will generate a tax credit, (basically generating a "real rate" of 4.55 per cent), you still can't go wrong paying off that sort of debt. Private student loans accessed through your bank or credit union often have higher interest rates and have no accompanying tax credit, so they're even more attractive options for early payment.

Ultimately, the purely mathematical side of the argument shows that if you understand how to invest your money and want to look at the long term, you are pretty likely to come out ahead if you were to invest any extra cash instead of paying down your student loan early. We don't live in a mathematical vacuum though, and if the weight of your student loan is causing you to lose sleep at night, then pay off the portion of your loan with the highest interest rate and rest easy.

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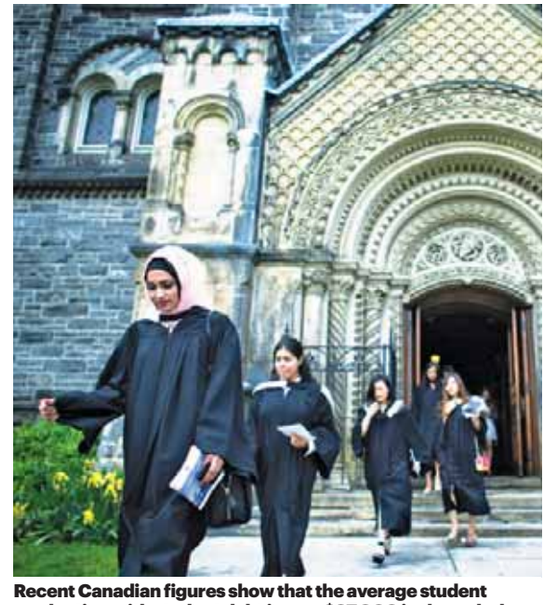

Recent Canadian figures show that the average student graduating with student debt is now $27,000 in the red when they finish school. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

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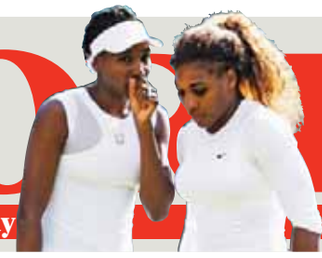

Serena Williams plays older sister Venus for the sixth time at Wimbledon Monday

Lloyd unleashed on Japan

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

Captain scores hat trick to seal American championship

Cam Tucker
Metro | Vancouver

Carli Lloyd, right, and Lauren Holiday, second from right, accounted for all four of the United States' four first-half goals in the championship match against Japan at BC Place Stadium on Sunday. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO

Mere moments after the 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup final got underway, it was already over.

The anticipation of what had been shaping up to be a great championship contest between Japan and the U.S. — a rematch of the final four years ago — was quickly replaced with shock. The Americans started the match on the front foot. They were soon running downhill before anyone, including the Japanese, really knew what was happening.

They wouldn't be stopped. The U.S. took the FIFA Women's World Cup with a 5-2 win over Japan before 53,341 fans on Sunday at BC Place Stadium.

Three minutes in, the U.S. struck on a goal from Carli Lloyd.

On a corner kick, Lloyd snuck into the middle of the box and placed the ball out of the reach of goalkeeper Ayumi Kaihori. It was red, white and blue insanity.

Fans from different parts of the U.S. travelled to Vancouver for the tournament and this match.

They loved what they were seeing.

One goal suddenly turned into four for the Americans.

They built a four-goal lead before the match was even 17 minutes old. Lloyd had the hat trick. Victory looked safe and secure, with the U.S. in complete control and Japan in complete disarray.

Lloyd's third goal was the perfect example of just how far off the rails things had come for the Japanese. She caught Kaihori well out of her goal and beat the Japanese keeper with a shot from midfield.

WORLD CUP Final

5	2
U.S.	JAPAN

Prior to Sunday's final, the U.S. and goalkeeper Hope Solo had gone through the tournament without having allowed a goal since their first game in the group stage. That was on June 8.

Down by four and needing something positive, Japan managed to get on the board.

Yuki Ogimi scored on a shot that beat a diving Solo, cutting the U.S. lead to three.

Japan narrowed the deficit to two goals. U.S. defender Julie Johnston inadvertently headed the ball into her own net in the 52nd minute.

But only two minutes later, the U.S. restored its three-goal lead on a goal from Tobin Heath to put the finishing touches on the third World Cup victory for the Americans.

WHITECAPS

Road trip ends on sour note

The Vancouver Whitecaps can finally come home to play an actual match in BC Place Stadium for the first time since May 30.

The FIFA Women's World Cup is now over. The Whitecaps return from their five-game road trip with three wins and two losses — a respectable nine of a possible 15 points — following a 2-1 defeat at the hands of the Colorado Rapids on Saturday.

Kekuta Manneh scored the lone goal for the Whitecaps in the loss.

After a slow start to the season, Manneh now has three goals in his last four games, jumping into second on the team in that category.

But the road trip ended on a sour note, when it had the possibility for something great for the Whitecaps.

"I don't think we did enough to win the game," said head coach Carl Robinson afterward.

"I think some of our performance levels weren't what they have been in the last three games and unfortunately we didn't pick up any points."

Robinson wasn't happy with the way Vancouver conceded two goals — to Vicente Sanchez just two minutes into the game and Kevin Doyle early in the second half.

The Whitecaps host Sporting Kansas City at BC Place on Sunday. CAM TUCKER/METRO

CFL

Room for Lions to improve

There was plenty for the B.C. Lions to like in their season opener against the Ottawa Redblacks on Saturday. There was plenty to improve on, too.

The Lions, under the new rule of Jeff Tedford as the head coach, lost to the Redblacks by a final score of 27-16, but more importantly for their chances of success in the longer term this season, Travis Lulay played the entire game. The quarterback took his hits and didn't show many ill affects from that often-injured right shoulder other than perhaps some rust on a few missed throws in his first regular-season start since last September.

NEXT GAME

The Lions host the Saskatchewan Roughriders on Friday at BC Place Stadium.

The positives from the passing game: Lulay targeted Emmanuel Arceneaux for seven catches and 112 yards, and Austin Collie, an NFL veteran now running routes in his first year of CFL football, for five catches and a touchdown.

Where the Lions struggled on offence was in the red zone.

Twice in the first half, the Lions got down into prime scoring range, only to settle for field goals instead of majors, which hurt them later in the game when the Redblacks defence held them off the scoreboard entirely in the fourth quarter.

Lulay's game ended with 18 completions on 32 attempts, for one touchdown and one interception. CAM TUCKER/METRO

Travis Lulay threw for 254 yards against the Redblacks on Saturday. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Jays bounce back in Detroit

MLB

Bautista and Smoak homer to snap 3-game losing streak

Turns out the Toronto Blue Jays got a break by facing Justin Verlander.

Jose Bautista and Justin Smoak homered in a six-run fifth inning against the 2011 AL Cy Young Award winner and MVP, leading the Toronto Blue Jays over the Detroit Tigers 10-5 Sunday.

Toronto stopped a three-game losing streak and won for just the second time in seven games.

"We definitely needed this one," Blue Jays manager John Gibbons said. "We've had to go against (Anibal) Sanchez and (David) Price the last two nights, and we've got (Chris) Sale tomorrow, so we needed a game where the offence could get things going."

Jose Bautista celebrates his home run. GETTY IMAGES

Marco Estrada (6-4) improved to 5-1 in his last seven starts, allowing two runs and five hits in five innings. Roberto Osuna got four outs for his third save.

"It is always great to get a win, but today was even better because it is my birthday," said Estrada, who turned 32.

Verlander (0-2) gave up seven hits and two walks in five innings, striking out five. He needed 94 pitches to get 15 outs. He now has a 6.75 ERA in four starts after missing the first several weeks of the season with a triceps injury.

"It is a shame that I fell out of sync in the fifth, but this is only my fourth start. You have to keep that in mind," Verlander said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ALL-STARS IN

Donaldson named all-star
Toronto Blue Jays third baseman Josh Donaldson will be starting for the American League at the all-star game.

Donaldson set a new single-season voting record, the Jays said in a release.

In 83 games, he has a .296 batting average, with 19 home runs and 56 RBIs.
THE CANADIAN PRESS

Hamilton thrills home crowd

Mercedes 1-2 again.
Lewis Hamilton seized back control of the British Grand Prix after being overtaken on the first corner to win his fifth race of the season on Sunday in Silverstone, England, and strengthen his F1 title defence.

A Mercedes one-two was just as forecast, with Nico Rosberg completing a ninth consecutive double podium for them. Hamilton is the first back-to-back Silverstone winner since David Coulthard 15 years ago, thrilling the 140,000-strong home crowd at the central England circuit.
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NBA IN BRIEF

Sixth man headed to L.A.
The Los Angeles Lakers say they plan to sign guard Lou Williams, last season's Sixth Man of the Year, and forward Brandon Bass.

Williams averaged a career-high 15.5 points and helped Toronto win a franchise-record 49 games in 2014-15, his lone season there. The Lakers have upgraded their guard rotation by adding Williams after drafting Ohio State's D'Angelo Russell with the No. 2 pick. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Spurs reload with Aldridge
LaMarcus Aldridge got the answers he needed from the San Antonio Spurs.

And the Spurs apparently got the answer they wanted. Ending a frantic few days — and perhaps cementing the Spurs early favourites to win another NBA title — Aldridge announced Saturday that he will sign with San Antonio and align with Tim Duncan and Kawhi Leonard to form what should be one of the league's most-formidable offences. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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- 2 Tbsp lemon juice
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- 1 tsp minced garlic
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- Salt and pepper

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1. Preheat grill or oven to 425 F. Cook salmon for 10 minutes per inch of thickness.
2. Meanwhile, add remaining ingredients to a bowl and mix well. Place on serving platter with fish over top.

Nutrition per serving
- Calories 350
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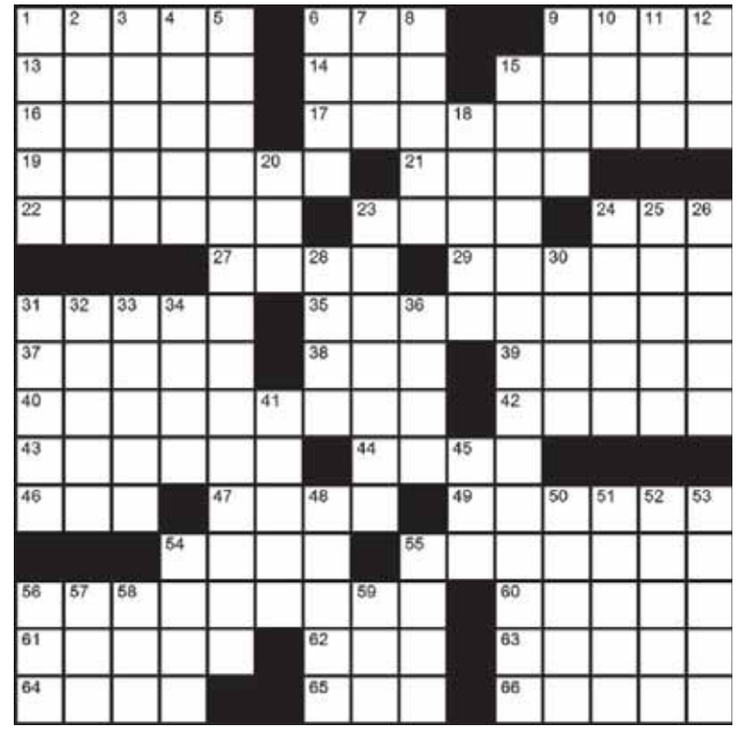

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41. Contempt
45. Storm's centre
48. Horseback rider's straps
50. __-feuille (Type of French pastry)
51. Record's spot for the hit
52. Sharpens skills
53. Cavern
54. Urban haze
55. Let off steam
56. Clock's li'l time segments
57. "Won-der-ful!"
58. Rug of Scandinavia
59. Ms. Saldana of "Avatar" (2009)

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
Someone in a position of authority will ask you to do something for them and you will say yes. But don't sell yourself cheap. A job done well is a job worth getting paid the going rate for.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
This is the ideal time to throw out all the emotional junk you have acquired during the first half of the year. Today's Sun-Pluto link will encourage you to be ruthless with yourself.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
This is going to be a busy week and the less you try to do the more work will land in your lap. At some stage, for the sake of your health, you will have to call a halt. Not even a livewire Gemini can do it all.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You may be tempted to give up on something that is proving more difficult than you expected but you must stick with it a while longer. Keep plugging away a few more days.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Don't take it to heart if someone seems to be avoiding you. The fact is you have been giving off some rather heavy vibrations of late and they find you a bit scary. Take it as a hint that you need to be a lot more laidback.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
What changes over the next few days has been in the pipeline for quite some time and chances are you will welcome it. Yes, it may be disruptive but on this occasion disruption is better than the status quo. Move with the times.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
There is an urgency about you at the moment, no doubt due to the influence of Pluto. You know if you pass up an opportunity to better yourself it will be a very long time, if ever, before it comes round again.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Sudden changes may not be entirely welcome but neither are they to be feared, so accept and work with them. Nothing lasts forever, so go with the flow and enjoy where fate takes you.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Something dramatic is likely to happen over the next 24 hours. However, if you keep your wits about you and react quickly while everyone else is dithering you could make some serious money.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
The more you try to force events to move in one direction today the more likely it is they will move in the opposite direction. Look on the bright side: the less you resist the more you will achieve.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
No matter how persuasive and no matter how logical your arguments may be, almost certainly friends and colleagues will oppose what you want to do today. But you should do it anyway.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
What takes place today may not be to your liking but later in the month you will be glad you were forced to make certain changes. You must slow down for a while.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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